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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I write in connection with your request for information, which was received by Nottinghamshire Police on 01/11/2012.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Nottinghamshire Police to locate the information you require.

Please find below answers to your questions:-

RESPONSE

Under S 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that Nottinghamshire Police does hold the information you have requested.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I kindly request the following information from your Police Force:

1 How many Under 16s were reported missing in each year for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011? Please provide yearly totals if you have the data available.

2 Of those reported missing, how many Under 16's were recorded 'still missing' at the end of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011?

3. Please define how your data is calculated; are the figures the total number of individuals reported or the total number of reports for all individuals?

4. Please state how you define 'missing'.

[NB If data for U16s is not available, please provide totals for U18s.]

All answers are listed within the table below.

Number of Under 16's reported missing from 2008 - 2011		2008	2009	2010	2011
Q1.	Total No. missing persons under 16	1336	1449	1201	1224
	Total No. missing reports of under 16's	2417	2599	2393	2175
Q2.	'Still missing'*	3	6	4	3
Q3.		Both the number of under 16's and reports of under 16's have been provided			
Q4.	Definition of 'missing'**	'anyone whose whereabouts is unknown whatever the circumstances of disappearance. They will be considered missing until located and their well-being or otherwise established.'			
Source:	Performance & Insight 26/11/2012				
Please note:	Data is extracted from a live system and therefore subject to change				
*	'Still missing' is defined as missing in 1 given year and either not yet found or found at some point the following year(s). This will included individuals reported as missing on the 31st December and found on the 1st January. There is currently 1 individual from 2008 reported as missing with a current case status as 'inactive' and 1 from 2009 still missing.				
**	Persons reported as missing and subsequently reported as 'found' shortly after may not be recorded on the Force Compact system				

Complaints Rights

Your attention is drawn to the enclosed review procedure, which details your right of complaint.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Nottinghamshire Police.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer on telephone number 0115

9672507 or e-mail freedomofinformation@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk
quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Disclosure Officer

Are you dissatisfied with your response?

If so, prior to lodging a formal complaint, you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision reconsidered is to telephone the case officer that is identified at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Formal Independent Review

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Nottinghamshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you can request an Independent Review.

Upon receipt for a review of the initial request response, an independent audit officer from Information Management will review the request and assess whether it has been satisfactorily processed in accordance with policy and procedure.

Requests for Independent Reviews requests should be made in writing to-

Force Information Manager
Nottinghamshire Police
Force Headquarters
Sherwood Lodge
Arnold
Nottingham
NG5 8PP

The Audit officer will record and communicate his/her decision to the information requester within 20 working days.

Appeals

If the findings of the formal independent review do not meet your approval, you can register an appeal against the decision.

An investigation will then take place by the Freedom of Information officer, which will be reported and presented to the Internal Appeal Board. This will include a full account of the reasoning for or against disclosure and the application of any relevant exemptions.

The Internal Appeal Board will consist of at least a member of the Chief Officer Team, a member of the Legal Team and the Force Information Manager.

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Alternatively E-mail: Freedomofinformation@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Or call: 01159672507

Applications to the Information Commissioner

If you then remain dissatisfied, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner, please visit their website at www.informationcommisioner.gov.uk

Alternatively, Write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Or call: 01625 545700.